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BANKRUPTING TONOPAH.

If curses would consign the board of town trustees to eternal perdition that body would occupy the deepest seat in Gehenna at this moment. For two years the people and taxpayers of Tonopah have importuned, nay, begged and pleaded with the county commissioners to relieve them from the eternal risk of fire, the loss of property, the destruction of homes and the wasting of the poor man's savings.

The county commissioners who now ask the voters of Tonopah to return them to office have been urged by the Public Service Commission to give the people of Tonopah fire protection.

The county commissioners have been repeatedly asked by the Board of Underwriters to do something to save Tonopah from the danger of extinction by fire and in every case the underwriters were assured that something would be done to give the desired relief.

The commissioners, sitting as a board of town trustees, tacitly entered into a solemn covenant with the Public Service Commission, in return for the mandate decreeing a reduction in domestic rates for water, that the town would look after the installation of an effective fire service. This pledge has been violated. The good faith of the official representatives of the taxpayers has been proven worthless and the great insurance companies that were inveigled into writing insurance in Tonopah in consideration of an improved water service have been bamboozled just as clearly as though they had gone down to the Barbary Coast and turned their good money over to any of the oily sharpers who frequent that district.

When the chairman of the county board, who is also chairman of the town board, spoke on the platform two nights ago and told the people of Tonopah that the underwriters had agreed to make a reduction of five per cent in the rating of the camp as a fire risk he willfully deceived his listeners. The reduction was said to be the sequel to the purchase of an auto fire truck. Not one insurance representative in Tonopah has heard anything of such a compact and it is safe to say that not a single board company has ever been a party to such an agreement or promise.

This morning brought advices of a startling nature that should galvanize the people of Tonopah into action. These advices were to the effect that certain of the more important companies would withdraw from this field, as they considered the hazard wholly out of proportion to the revenue derived from the entire Nevada area. The remaining companies are expected to increase their rates to a point commensurate with the risk. They do this because they have been duped into the belief that the town trustees would comply with its solemn obligation to the Public Service Commission and install a high pressure fire service. Most of the business district now pays a premium of ten per cent. Higher rates mean confiscation.

That this stipulation may be more fully understood the Bonanza will state the matter in detail. A complaint had been entered against the Water Company of Tonopah, alleging a variety of grievances. Among these was deficient fire protection, inordinate prices for water to small consumers and an inadequate system of street mains capable of furnishing a supply for fire purposes. The Public Service Commission entered into a thorough investigation and came to Tonopah for the purpose of getting better acquainted with the problems before them for adjudication. At the conclusion of the hearing the Public Service Commission ordered a reduction of water rates ranging from 30 to 60 per cent. This decree was accompanied by the explanation that the Public Service Commission, under the circumstances, absolved the water company from spending any more money for fire protection, and placed the onus on the town trustees, who were earnestly enjoined to proceed with the utmost speed to remedy the trouble by stepping into the shoes of the water company to build a high pressure tank and lay a system of street mains that would protect the town. The State board thought this matter was of such vital importance that it loaned the services of its chief engineer to the town of Tonopah to come here and consult and advise with the town board on the proper steps to take. The recommendations were made any may be found on file in the office of the Public Service Commission, if they are not in the hands of the county clerk.

These are the facts. The constantly recurring fires of Tonopah are desperate facts. Neither can be controverted. The town trustees are morally responsible for every dollar loss sustained last night and they cannot by any equivocation escape the odium of the responsibility. They had funds to build a \$15,000 county hospital. They had funds to contract for a steam plant to heat the courthouse. They had funds to pay \$3,500 for a pretty red wagon that looked sadly out of place last night when thousands of dollars were going up in smoke for want of water.

The present board of county commissioners has been so neglectful of its most important duties that no change the people can make could be worse than a continuance of the present county administration in office. Tuesday is the time to act and if the tax-

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payers are willing to stand this awful expense for two years more and risk their homes, the lives of their families and the savings of years, all they have to do is to go to the polls and vote for the men who have broken every pledge fraught with the most vital consequences to Tonopah. It is up to you.

ODDIE IS THE MAN.

GOVERNOR ODDIE is the man of the hour. The Democrats said four years ago that he was weak. Today he has enough backbone to choke down the lies of Boyle and to convince the taxpayers of Nevada that when he is re-elected governor he will be the governor de facto and not the miserable tool of a lot of Reno tin horns who want to revive open gambling for the fleecing of the young and unwary. Oddie is a man to be feared by this element. He has the nerve and the manhood to come right out flat-footed and call a spade a spade. He is willing to take the consequences of his decision come what may, and he is standing with his back to the wall defying the base elements which are conspiring to encompass his defeat. Oddie has the respect of the business world and his word will go a longer way in promoting the prosperity of Nevada than all the promises of an untried fledgling who did not know enough of his chosen profession of engineering to know the difference between designing plans for a prison to cost \$100,000 and one to cost \$350,000. This is a nice sort of man to place in a position of importance. He is the kind of a man who would plunge the state into a financial tangle if it came to compiling an annual budget. Mr. Boyle's intentions may be of the best, but his associations are such that he can never be master of the executive chair. He would be nothing more than a servile tool who would have to lick the shoes of his masters any time they chose to order him to do so.

THAT BOOMERANG.

THIS is the day of the political trickster; the day when any old story will be told and the dear people are expected to believe it. A letter was found in the safe of a man who had robbed the government and made his escape into a foreign country, this man has a price upon his head and if ever located will be brought to this country and sent to a federal prison to serve a good long term. In the safe of this was a letter which spoke against the honesty and integrity of a young man who has been foremost in the history of the state for a number of years. The letter is used by his political enemies to besmirch his character. The young man comes forward with a clear and straightforward explanation which shows he was tricked by the thief who had robbed his country. Which are you to believe—the man who has a good clean record or the man who hides his head in a foreign country to keep from paying the penalty of his crimes? The Springmeyer letter will prove to be a boomerang to the Democratic party.—Carson News.

The political trickster referred to in this case is no other than George Thatcher, Emmet Boyle's next mate.

Remember when you go to cast your ballot that a vote for Oddie means the further development of the state, the continuation of the work which has been started and started in the face of legislation which attempted in every way to handicap the work of the chief executive. It is important how you vote, so be sure and vote right.

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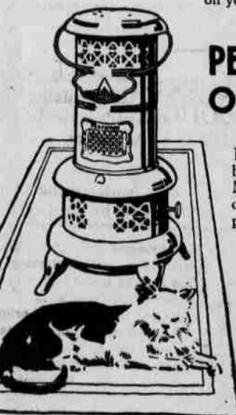
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